

House Resolution No. 1929

Whereas, it is with utmost respect that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their daily legislative endeavors in order to recognize those Show-Me State residents who truly embody the concept of Outstanding Missourian through their deeds and achievements; and

Whereas, Bill and Nedra Baird of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, have attained considerable distinction as licensed foster parents who have cared for more than forty children through transitional and behavioral placements from the Clay County Children's Division; have adopted six children, Adam, Kevin, Abbey, Torrie, Tandra, and Shaley; are in the process of adopting two others, Ricky and Mariah; and are the proud parents of their own three boys, Jeff, Christopher, and Michael; and

Whereas, in May, 2008, during Foster Parent Appreciation Month, Bill and Nedra Baird will receive well-deserved honors and accolades for the exemplary role they have performed in Missouri as community leaders; and

Whereas, in addition to being a foster parent, Bill Baird is employed by Ford Motor Company and has worked as a police officer for the city of Excelsior Springs; and

Whereas, Nedra Baird likewise has supported her husband, children, and foster children by working for City Hospital; and

Whereas, in order to qualify as licensed foster parents with the Missouri Department of Social Services' Children's Division, Bill and Nedra Baird had to demonstrate their abilities to learn behavior modification techniques, theories of personality development and mental illness, communication skills, positive parenting skills, crisis intervention skills, and child advocacy skills; to assist in the development and implementation of treatment plans for specific children; to work effectively as a team member; to participate in specialized training; to be available twenty-four hours per day except for periods of scheduled respite; to make a minimum commitment of one year to work with a youth; to effectively advocate for timely and quality services for youth; to maintain an organized record keeping system; and to act independently to obtain needed services for children in such areas as medical, dental, or education:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the well-deserved selection of Bill and Nedra Baird as Outstanding Missourians and to extend to them this legislative body's most heartfelt welcome to the state capitol on April 29, 2008, for special recognition as guests in the House Chamber; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Outstanding Missourians Bill and Nedra Baird of Excelsior Springs, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Nance
District No. 36

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1929, adopted April 16, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker